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Walker et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PROVIDING CROSS-BENEFITS

VIA A CENTRAL AUTHORITY

Customer No. 22927

Group Art Unit: 2166

Examiner: S. Rimell

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

to the Non-final Office Action Mailed August 8, 2001

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2001, (Paper No. 16), entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks into the above identified application is respectfully requested.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please CANCEL claims 61 - 69.